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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Invention Promoters/Promotion Firms Complaints.

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/2048.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0044.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 18 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 50 responses per year.

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Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

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